

REMARKS

Status of the claims

Claim 6 is pending and currently amended by deleting the rejected expression “or rectangular”. No new matter is added by the proposed amendment. Applicants believe that this amendment places the patent application in condition for allowance. Entry and consideration of the amended claims is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 112 and objection under 35 USC 132(a)

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for failing to provide a basis for the expression “rectangular format”. Claim 6 was also objected to under 35 USC 132(a) on the grounds that the expression “rectangular format” introduced new matter into the disclosure of the invention.

Without acquiescing to the rejection/objection, and to advance prosecution, the rejected/objected expression is deleted from claim 6. The rejection under 35 USC § 112 and objection under 35 USC 132(a) to claim 6 are made moot by this deletion and withdrawal of said objection/rejection is respectfully requested.

No other objection or rejection is believed to be pending and Applicants believe that the instant patent application is now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Pending claim 6 is believed to be in condition for allowance and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. No fee is believed to be due at this time, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit account No. 50-0812.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is asked to telephone the undersigned directly at 925-730-8565.

Respectfully submitted,

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